

This is a message from the Louisiana Department of Health Emergency Operations Center (LDH EOC) for the Louisiana Health Alert Network (LA HAN) recipients. This message is from Dr. Frank Welch, Medical Director for the Bureau of Community Preparedness, regarding an **Update: COVID-19 lab reporting & COVID-19 reportable conditions**. Please share and distribute with relevant stakeholders and partners through your own distribution channels.

Update 05/04/2020: COVID-19 Reporting Guidelines

This HAN contains information on **COVID-19 lab reporting & COVID-19 reportable conditions**.

Reporting COVID-19 test results:

All facilities performing testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 are required to report positive results to LDH. This includes rapid testing, point-of-care testing, antibody testing, or any other testing performed for COVID-19. Electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) in HL7 or CSV format is the preferred mechanism for reporting results.

If your facility is performing COVID-19 testing on-site and you do not have ELR set up to report your results or you are unsure if your facility has ELR set up, please contact [The ELR team will work with you to set up ELR or an alternative reporting method.](#)

If your facility is sending out specimens for COVID-19 testing and not performing testing on-site, the facility performing the testing will be responsible for reporting results.

*Note: COVID-19 test results sent via ELR should include **all** results of testing (positive, negative, indeterminate, etc.).*

COVID-19 Reportable Conditions:

- **COVID-19-associated mortality:** All deaths occurring in individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 or who have a COVID-19 positive lab result.
- **Pediatric hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations in individuals <18 years old who have a COVID-19 positive lab result.
- **COVID-19 during pregnancy:** Infections in individuals who are pregnant and have a COVID-19 positive result.

Healthcare providers who diagnose cases of COVID-19 in patients that fit into these three categories should immediately report them to LDH using the secure online portal:

<https://laredcap.oph.dhh.la.gov/surveys/?s=NYW8TYETNF>

Once report is received, an epidemiologist will review and follow-up if any further information is required for the public health investigation.

LDH EOC